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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CHILE RESOLUTION BY THIRD COMMITTEE

SUMMARY. THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE LATE DEC 7, 98 YES (US), 12 NO, AND 28 ABSTENTIONS. BIG SURPRISE: FRANCE VOTED FOR RESOLUTION INSTEAD OF ABSTAINING. MAKING EC-9 UNANIMOUS. END SUMMARY.

1. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE: DOMINICAN

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REPUBLIC, WILL VOTE NO BECAUSE OF LACK OF REFERENCE TO WORK AND RESOLUTION OF OAS. COSTA RICA: OPPOSED TO SELECTIVITY, PICKING ONE COUNTRY FROM JUST ONE PART OF THE WORLD. GRENADA: WILL ABSTAIN BECAUSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST TERRORISM. COLOMBIA: WILL VOTE FOR, EVEN THOUGH AGAINST "UNNECESSARILY EXAGGERATED LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION" AND "LACK OF

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRESS OF RECENT MONTHS". ALSO, NOT HAPPY ABOUT ECTNEIND MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP. PERU, WILL ABSTAIN, NOTING THE STRONG EMPHASIS IN RESOLUTION L.49 (ON UGANDA, INTRODUCED BY NORDICS) ON REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (OAU), AND LACK OF ANY MENTION OF OAS, AND BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF GOC IN DIMINISHING THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PARAGUAY: VOTE NO BECAUSE OF LACK OF MENTION OF OAS, AND LACK OF RECOGNITION OF ROLE OF GOC. MOROCCO: WILL ABSTAIN BECAUSE THE CORRECT APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM IS THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (COMPOSED OF STATES SIGNATURES OF UNTIL CONVENTION ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS), AND BECAUSE DRAFT DOES NOT REFLECT RECENT IMPROVEMENTS. URUGUAY: VOTE NO BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE EFFORTS OF GOC, REPEATS PHRASES OF PAST YEARS, LACK OF RECOGNITION OF WORK OF INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND BECAUSE NOT POSITIVE AND HELPFUL IN APPROACH BUT PUNITIVE AND NEGATIVE. GUATEMALA: LACK OF MENTION OF ROLE OF OAS IN RESOLUTION REASON FOR VOTING NO. CHILE THEN RESPONDED IN SPEECH POUCH TO HEWITT (IO/HA) AND AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO.

2. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION L.37 WAS AS FOLLOWS: ABSTENTIONS: BOLIVIA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, GABON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GHANA, GRENADA, INDONESIA, IVORY COAST, JORDAN, LIBERIA, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NIGERIA, OMAN, PANAMA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, SURINAM, THAILAND, AND ZAIRE. DELEGATIONS CASTING NEGATIVE: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHAD, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, LEBANON, NICARAQUA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY. ABSENT DELEGATIONS: ABLANIA, CHINA, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, GUYANA, MAURITIA, MAURITUS, SAMOA, SEYCHELLES, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND TOGO.

3. AFTER THE VOTE, TJRUEY SAID IF THERE HAD BEEN A VOTE BY SECTIONS, IT WOULD HAVE SBSTAINED IN PREAMUBLAR 8, AND OPRATIVE PARAS 5, 7, 8 C, AND 9. (TURKEY VOTED YES)) ARGENTINA SAID IT VOTED NO BECAUSE OF TIS ADHERENCE TO THE DOCCRINE OF NON-INTERFERENCE. FRANCE SAID IT WANTED TO ADD TO THE ECAO STATEMENT OF NOV 24 (IN THE GENERAL DEBATE) THAT IT DISAPPROVED OF THE SLOWNESS OF THE DISMANTILING OF THE REPRESSIVE APPARATUS AND THE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, AND FOUND THE ABSENCE OF FORMAL CONDEMNATION IN MTHIS YEARS'S RESOLUTION (UNLIKE LAST YEARS S) TO BE SIGNIFI-

CANT, BUT THAT IT SILL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN A
LITTLE MORE RECOGNITION OF POSITVE STEPS. JAPAN
VOTED YES, AND THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE WORKING
GROUP BE ABLE TO VISIT CHILE. JAPAN WOULD HAVE
ABSTAINED ON 8B AND 8C. VENEZUELA RECALLED THE WORDS
OF THE OAS RESOLUTION THAT VIGILANCE REMAINS NECESSARY.

4. BEFORE THE DEBATE MISOFF ASKED CHAIRMAN OF THIRD
COMMITTEE IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THAT THE US AS A
CO-SPONSOR COULD MAKE SMOME SORT OF STATEMENT EITHER
BEFORE OR AFTER THE VOTE. TH E CHAIRMAN CONSULTED
WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THOUGH BOTH
WERE SYMPATHIC (ESPECIALLY SINCE THE US DID NOT
SPEAK DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE) TO ALLOWING THE US TO
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SPEAK, GIVEN THE RULE THAT CO-SPONSORS MAY NOT SPEAK
ON A RESOLUTION (INLUDDING EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE) ONCE
THE VOTING IS UNDER WYA, GRANTING THE US PERMISSION TO
SPEA WOULD OPEN UP THE WHOLE DEBATE AGAIN. THERE,

THE CHAIRMAN MUST DECIDE NOT TO ALLOW IT UNLESS AN
AMENDMENT WAS PRESENTED, WHICH WOULD OF ITSELF REOPEN
DEBATE AGAINST ON DEBATE OWAS OFFERED, SO THE US WAS
NOT ABLE TO DELIVER THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY USUN
AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. MISSION
WILL RELEASE IT AS A PRESS RELEASE DEC 8 AND DISTRIB-
UTEED TO THE COMMITTEE SIMULATEOUSLY. THE TEXT OF
THE STATEMENT WE PLAN TO RELEASE IS REPRODUCED IN
THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

5. QUOTE

ON DECEMBER 7 THE THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION
"ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE" A/C.3/32/L.37. AS A
CO-SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION, THE UNITED STATES DID NOT HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO STATE ITS POSITION ON THE RESOLUTION DURING THE
DEBATE. AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD, THEREFORE, THE UNITED
STATED MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WISHES TO MAKE AVAILABLE
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE
UNITED STATES ON THIS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO STATES FOR THE RECORD THE
REASONS THAT IT IS CO-SPONSORING L.37, THE RESOLUTION ON THE
SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE
DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER TE WELFARE AND FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE
OF CHILE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PERSISTENT REPORTS OF GROSS
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NATION. WE HOPE, AND WE
BELIEVE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF CHILE ALSO HEOP,
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FOR THE EARLY RETURN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN THAT NATION. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS CONTINUED TO MANIFEST ITS INTEREST AND CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE STRONG BACKING FOR THIS RESOLUTION, BUT WE HOPE THAT SUCH CONTINUED CONCERN WILL SOON CEASE TO BE NECESSARY, WITH THE CONTINUED REDUCTION IN THE VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF PERSONS IN CHILE, AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, BY SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND BY CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE DEBATE BEFORE THIS BODY AND OTHER UN MEETINGS, EVEN THOUGH WE REGRET VERY KEENLY THE FACT THAT THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS MANDATE BY VISITING CHILE. WE URGENTLY REQUESTS BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE IN CONSULTATION TO DISCOVER IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT SOME AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MANDATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION, AND AFFORD THE WORKING GROUP OR A PART OF IT TO VISIT CHILE ON TERMS THAT WOULD ALSO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL DIGNITY OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE, IN THEIR QUEST FOR FULL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS.

WE FURTHER WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF THE SPECIFIC STEPS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAS TAKEN IN RECENT MONTHS. WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THE EVIDENCE THAT THE INCIDENTS OF DIRECT ABUSE OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE HAVE BEEN REDUCED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAS TAKEN CERTAIN POSITIVE STEPS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO STATE ITS STRONG HOPE AND
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EXPECTATION THAT THE ONLY FULL AND COMPLETE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS AFFORDED BY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, PROTECTED BY THE RULE OF LAW, AND THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHILEAN NATION, WITH ITS LONG AND NOBLE TRADITION OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, WILL SOON FIND ITSELF ONCE AGAIN UNDER RESPONSIBLE RULE OF THE MAJORITY, AND UNDER A SYSTEM OF LAW AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY UNQUOTE

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